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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN AMENDMENTS

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public hearing to seek comments on proposed amendments to the 2001 Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (California Ocean Plan). An audio broadcast will be available at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

BACKGROUND

The SWRCB held a public scoping meeting regarding four potential California Ocean Plan amendments on January 23, 2004. The scoping meeting was continued on February 3, 2004 at the SWRCB workshop.

During the February SWRCB workshop, the Board directed staff to conduct a new Triennial Review to determine if there are additional issues that should be reviewed for potential revision of the California Ocean Plan. A public hearing was held for the Triennial Review on May 24, 2004.

Based on comments received during the scoping meetings and public hearing, the SWRCB proposes to consider the following amendments to the California Ocean Plan as the first set of issues to be undertaken by this Triennial Review:

Issue 1 - Choice of Indicator Organisms for Water-Contact Bacterial Standards; and

Issue 2 - Reasonable Potential: Determining when California Ocean Plan Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations are required.

Additional issues will be considered for California Ocean Plan amendments later.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the SWRCB has prepared a draft Functional Equivalent Document (FED) describing the proposed California Ocean Plan

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amendments. A downloadable version of the draft FED may be obtained on the SWRCB web site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/>. You may also receive copies by writing or calling: Jan Hisao, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; (916) 341-5568, FAX (916) 341-5584; or by email at hisaj@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Persons wishing to comment or make recommendations on the proposed amendments at the public hearing should submit written comments, or a summary of their comments, in advance of the hearing. All comments and recommendations received will be considered by the SWRCB before taking action on the amendments. Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m., September 17, 2004 and should be submitted to:

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Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

August 5, 2004

